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Application of:	Burchard	Confirmation No.:	6450
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Filed:	July 14, 2000	Examiner:	Betty J. Forman
For:	METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE SPECIFICITY AD SENSITIVITY OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES FOR HYBRIDIZATION	Attorney Docket No:	9301-044-999

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)**

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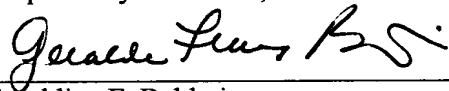
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2003 be extended for a period of 1 month from July 7, 2003 to and including August 7, 2003.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$110.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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